

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A sheet member processing apparatus comprising:

processing means for performing a predetermined

process on a sheet member;

a casing having a casing main body and a lid body, in which a housing space capable of being opened and closed by displacing the lid body relative to the casing main body, for housing the processing means is formed, and in an upper side than the lid body is formed a discharge port for discharging a sheet member processed by the processing means; and

a sheet member holding body for holding a sheet member discharged from the discharge port.

2. (Original) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 1,

wherein:

the lid body is coupled so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about a predetermined lid body angular displacement axial line relative to the casing main body; and

the sheet member holding body is coupled so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about a holding body angular displacement axial line in parallel with the lid body angular displacement axial line relative to the lid body.

3. (Currently amended) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein:

the casing main body has a base to which the lid body is coupled, and a cover section, and the casing main body is constituted to be capable of opening and closing the housing space by displacing the cover section relative to the base; and

in a state where a lid body is closed, the sheet member holding body is capable of being angularly displaced about a predetermined angular displacement axial line of the sheet member holding body between a holding position where the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to extend in a direction of moving away from a side of the casing in which a discharge port is formed and on which holding position the sheet member discharged from the discharge port is received, and a housing position which is positioned along the side of the casing in which the discharge port is formed so that the sheet member holding body partially contacts with the cover section, and in a state of being in the housing position a press force due to contact of the sheet member holding body with the cover is given to a direction for closing the cover section.

4 (Original) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 3,
wherein:

the cover section is coupled to the base so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about a cover angular displacement axial line in parallel with the holding angular displacement axial line; and

the sheet member holding body has a convex section which contacts with the cover section in a state of being disposed at the housing position, and the convex section is formed so that in a state of contacting with the cover section, a pressing direction for pressing the cover

section is a direction which is directed closer to the base than a virtual plane including a contact position of the convex section in the cover section and the cover angular displacement axial line.

5. (Currently amended) The sheet member processing apparatus of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 4 claim 1, wherein:

the lid body is coupled in one side thereof to the casing main body so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about the predetermined lid body angular displacement axial line, and engaged in the other side thereof with the casing main body so as to be capable of releasing the engagement when an external force over a predetermined setting force is given to a direction for opening the housing space ; and

the sheet member holding body is coupled to the other side of the lid body.

6. (Currently amended) The sheet member processing apparatus of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to be detachable from the lid body when an external force in a direction along the holding body angular displacement axial line is given.

7. (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 2, wherein:

the casing main body has a base to which the lid body is coupled, and a cover section, and the casing main body is constituted to be capable of opening and closing the housing space by displacing the cover section relative to the base; and

in a state where a lid body is closed, the sheet member holding body is capable of being angularly displaced about a predetermined angular displacement axial line of the sheet member

holding body between a holding position where the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to extend in a direction of moving away from a side of the casing in which a discharge port is formed and on which holding position the sheet member discharged from the discharge port is received, and a housing position which is positioned along the side of the casing in which the discharge port is formed so that the sheet member holding body partially contacts with the cover section, and in a state of being in the housing position a press force due to contact of the sheet member holding body with the cover is given to a direction for closing the cover section.

8 (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 2, wherein:
the lid body is coupled in one side thereof to the casing main body so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about the predetermined lid body angular displacement axial line, and engaged in the other side thereof with the casing main body so as to be capable of releasing the engagement when an external force over a predetermined setting force is given to a direction for opening the housing space ; and

the sheet member holding body is coupled to the other side of the lid body.

9 (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claims 3, wherein:
the lid body is coupled in one side thereof to the casing main body so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about the predetermined lid body angular displacement axial line, and engaged in the other side thereof with the casing main body so as to be capable of releasing the engagement when an external force over a predetermined setting force is given to a direction for opening the housing space ; and

the sheet member holding body is coupled to the other side of the lid body.

10 (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 4, wherein:

the lid body is coupled in one side thereof to the casing main body so as to be capable of being angularly displaced about the predetermined lid body angular displacement axial line, and engaged in the other side thereof with the casing main body so as to be capable of releasing the engagement when an external force over a predetermined setting force is given to a direction for opening the housing space ; and

the sheet member holding body is coupled to the other side of the lid body.

11. (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 2, wherein the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to be detachable from the lid body when an external force in a direction along the holding body angular displacement axial line is given.

12. (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 3, wherein the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to be detachable from the lid body when an external force in a direction along the holding body angular displacement axial line is given.

13. (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 4, wherein the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to be detachable from the lid body when an external force in a direction along the holding body angular displacement axial line is given.

14. (New) The sheet member processing apparatus of claim 5, wherein the sheet member holding body is disposed so as to be detachable from the lid body when an external force in a direction along the holding body angular displacement axial line is given.